

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

NEREIDA CANCEL DE RUGG

Plaintiff,

CIVIL NO. 97-1594 (JAG)

v.

LOUIS CALDERA, JR., et al.

Defendants

ORDER

The Court has before it plaintiff's motion for continuance of the Pre-Trial and Trial dates, filed on May 10, 2002. (Docket No. 127.)

The Court **denies** the motion without prejudice. The parties shall meet with the Court for a Mediation and Settlement Conference on **Wednesday, May 15, 2002, at 9:30 a.m.** Counsel must seriously and earnestly discuss settlement prospects with their respective parties prior to the conference, and the principals with authority to settle **must** be available throughout the conference to assist in the settlement negotiations. The Court believes that this case, **particularly at this late juncture**, can be settled. It therefore asks the parties to make their best efforts to dispose of this five-year old matter extrajudicially.

The Court hereby advises the parties that if it were forced to consider plaintiff's request to change the Pre-Trial and Trial dates, it would seek to schedule the matter **before June 14, 2002**, and not after.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 13th day of May, 2002.

JAY A. GARCIA-GREGORY  
U.S. District Judge

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